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FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/NEA-EX

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AMGT  
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: STATE 173492

EMBASSY RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINED REFTEL FOLLOWS  
BASED ON BEST ESTIMATES: RATE OF EXCHANGE USED: L.SYR.3.90  
EQUAL US DOL ONE.

### PROPOSED

A. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FY 1976 FY 1977 FY 1978

#### 1. OFFICE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

A. OPERATING COST	203,577	194,175	278,714
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS	2	2	2
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE STAFF	2	2	2
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES	1	1	1

#### 2. POLITICAL SECTION

A. OPERATING COST	118,717	210,421	274,894
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			

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SERVICE OFFICERS	2	3	3
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE STAFF	1	2	2
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES	2	2	2

#### 3. ECONOMIC SECTION

A. OPERATING COST	79,232	77,144	149,684
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	1	1	1
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	1	1	1
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	1	1	1

## 4. COMMERCIAL SECTION

A. OPERATING COST	44,301	48,735	94,639
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	1	1	1
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	-	-	-
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	2	2	2

## 5. CONSULAR SECTION

A. OPERATING COST	66,960	86,925	135,950
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	1	1	1
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	-	-	-
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	3	4	4

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## 6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

A. OPERATING COST	760,746	928,943	916,222
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	6	6	7
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	7	9	9
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	42	46	50

## B. OTHER AGENCIES

7. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

A. OPERATING COST	924,400	2,875,200	2,173,800
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	8	14	16
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	1	2	3
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	17	25	29

## 8. UNITED STATES INFORMATION

AGENCY

A. OPERATING COST	173,400	187,112	212,975
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	2	2	2
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	-	1	1
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	5	7	8

9. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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A. OPERATING COST	139,877	181,507	166,000
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	1	1	1

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C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	2	2	2
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	1	1	1

10. AGRICULTURE ATTACHE

A. OPERATING COST	-	83,123	75,700
B. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE OFFICERS	-	1	1
C. NUMBER OF U.S. FOREIGN			
SERVICE STAFF	-	-	-
D. NUMBER OF LOCAL			
EMPLOYEES	-	2	3

11. DRUG ENFORCEMENT

ADMINISTRATION (DOES NOT EXIST)

12. OTHER (NONE)

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13. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED FOR ALL UNIMPROVED REAL  
 PROPERTY OWNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	USE	SIZE	ESTIMATED FAIR (SQ.FT.)	MARKET VALUE
1	CHERKESSIEH DAMASCUS	GARDEN SITE	LOANED TO	173,804	\$17,692,355	
		DAMASCUS COMM- UNITY SCHOOL; RECREATIONAL FACILITIES				
2	FOURTH DIST- FORMER US RICT, SEBIL, CONSULATE & QTR., ALEPPO PO RESIDENCE & GARDEN AREA (ONE LOT)		VACANT	53,626	1,923,077	

14. FOLLOWING DATA FURNISHED FOR ALL IMPROVED PROPERTY OWNED  
 BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

A.

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	USE	AMT.SQ.FT.	ESTIMATED FAIR GROSS NET	MARKET VALUE
1	MANSOUR ST DAMASCUS	3 FLOORS	CHANCERY	9242 5915	\$1,127,998	
2	ABU BEN SOUFIAN ST. DAMASCUS	3 FLOORS	RESID (COM)	7168 7168	\$1,320,532	

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OCCUPANT	OCCUPANT	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE
AGENCY POSITION	GRADE	CHARGES/FEES EXPENSES
STATE AMBASSADOR	FSO-1	- 12,006
STATE CHANCERY	OFFICES	- 12,672

15. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED FOR ALL REAL PROPERTY  
 LEASED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS OR MORE

A.

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	USE	AMT.ST.FT.	LENGTH
(ADDRESS)		GROSS NET	OF LEASE		
1	KURDALI ST	BASEMENT FLOOR	WAREHOUSE	1227 786	6/29/77 - 6/28/81
2	ATA AYOUBI	BASEMENT FLOOR	OFFICE	2852 1952	6/29/77 -

STREET SPACE 6/28/81

3 ADNAN MALKI 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 2637 1661 6/29/77 -  
STREET 6/28/81

4 KURDALI ST. BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2422 1574 12/29/76-  
6/28/81

5 ATA AYOUBI BASEMENT FLOOR OFFICE 3352 2146 8/11/77 -  
STREET SPACE 9/14/81

6 MOHAJERINE GROUND FLOOR WAREHOUSE 3147 2249 3/1/77 -  
AFFIF 8/31/81

7 KURDALI ST THIRD FLOOR RESIDENCE 2626 1733 11/1/77 -  
10/31/80

8 KORTOBA ST BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 21 1442 10/31/76  
10/31/78

9 ATA AYOUBI BASEMENT FLOOR OFFICE 1130 723 7/1/75 -  
STREET SPACE 6/30/80

10 ABDULMALIK 6TH FLOOR RESIDENCE 2830 1783 12/1/75 -  
MARWAN ST 11/30/80

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11 MUHAJERINE, 4TH FLOOR RESIDENCE 1345 861 2/10/76 -  
BASHA, JADET 2/9/79  
JARIR

12 AHMED CHAWKI 3RD FLOOR RESIDENCE 2934 1936 4/26/76-  
STREET 4/25/79

13 ABDULMENEIM 5TH FLOOR RESIDENCE 2461 1599 5/13/76 -  
RIAD ST 5/12/80

14 ABDULMUNEIM 2ND FLOOR RESIDENCE 1979 1267 5/13/76 -  
RIAD STREET 5/12/81

15 ABDULMENEIM 6TH FLOOR RESIDENCE 2354 1554 6/28/76 -  
RIAD STREET 6/27/81

16 KHALIL MARDEM BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2675 1685 11/15/76-  
STREET 9/19/80

17 MEHDI BEN GROUND FLOOR RESIDENCE 2461 1550 10/1/76 -  
BARAKAT 9/30/80

18 ZENOUBIA ST BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2835 1815 10/14/76-  
10/13/80

19 JALAA STREET GROUND FLOOR OFFICE 3745 2397 12/1/76 -  
SPACE 11/30/83

20 KURDALI ST 3RD FLOOR RESIDENCE 3210 2086 1/1/77 -  
12/37/80

21 ZENOUBIA ST 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 2300 1518 3/14/77 -  
3/13/80

22 ZENOUBIA MALKI 2ND FLOOR RESIDENCE 2300 1518 3/14/77 -  
3/13/80

23 ATA AYOUBI ST 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 3500 2205 6/1/77 -  
5/31/80

24 ABDULMUNEIM 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 2400 1584 6/25/77 -  
RIAD STREET 6/24/80

25 KARAMEH ST 1S FLOOR RESIDENCE 2033 1301 7/1/77 -

6/30/80

26 CHAREH NASR 2ND FLOOR RESIDENCE 5350 3477 12/22/75-

12/21/80

27 AHMED CHAWKI BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2425 1576 2/1/76 -

HADIKAT JAHEZ

1/31/81

28 AA AYOUBI ST 3RD FLOOR OFFICE 28505 18243 4/13/76 -

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SPACE

4/12/81

29 ABDULMUNEIM BASEMENT F

OR RESIDENCE 2782 1836 9/8/76 -

RIAD SREET

9/7/80

30 ADNAN MALKI BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 3210 1819 9/2/76 -

9/19/81

31 ABDULMUNEIM 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 2033 1281 12/11/76-

RIAD STREET

12/9/79

32 ZENOUBIA ST 5TH FLOOR RESIDENCE 2300 1518 3/14/77 -

3/13/80

33 WEST VILLAS ST BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2354 1483 8/1/77 -

7/30/80

34 ADNAN MALKI BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2800 1820 9/15/76 -

STREET

9/14/76

35 ABU RUMANEH BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 2200 1386 6/20/77 -

6/19/80

36 ZENOUBIA ST 1ST FLOOR RESIDENCE 3317 2201 12/1/76 -

11/30/79

B.

ANNUAL COST ANNUAL OCCUPANT GRADE OCCUPANT

LEASE MAINTENANCE AGENCY POSITION CHARGE/

EXPENSE

FEES

3,735 401 STATE WAREHOUSE 3,334

6,930 4,366 STATE OFFICE SPACE 2,564

15,449 2,628 STATE ADMIN.OFFICER FSO-4 12,821

11,145 2,170 STATE TELE.SUPP. FS-07 8,975

OFFICER

14,875 2,054 STATE OFFICE SPACE 12,821

8,093 400 STATE WAREHOUSE 7,693

20,813 2,863 STATE POL.OFFICER FSO-4 17,949

15,602 2,781 STATE SEC'Y FS-06 12,821

4,124 1,560 AGR. OFFICE SPACE 2,564

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16,432 2,329 STATE POL.OFFICER FRO-4 14,103

7,160 750 STATE CLERK FS-07 6,410

18,557 1,890 STATE TELECOM. FS-05 16,667

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18,477	1,810	STATE CONSULAR	FSO-5	16,667
		OFFICER		
15,400	1,810	STATE GEN.SVCS.	FSO-6	13,590
		OFFICER		
16,965	1,580	STATE TELECOMM.	FS-05	15 385
		OFFIER		
19,279	2,612	STATE TELECOMM.	FS-06	16,667
		OFFICER		
17,388	2,003	STATE TELECOMM.	FSR-06	15,385
		SUPPORT OFFICER		
18,442	1,775	STATE POL.OFFICER	FSO-5	16,667
44,381	5,919	STATE OFFICE SPACE		38,462
18,946	2,279	STATE SECURITY	FRO-6	16,667
		OFFICER		
17,467	800	STATE B&F OFFICER	FSR-06	16,667
17,367	700	STATE SUPPORT COMM.	FSS-09	16,667
		OFFICER		
12,374	1,605	AID ASST.DIR.	FSR-4	10,769
11,503	1,247	AID CAPITAL DEV.	FSR-3	10,256
		OFFICER		
13,846	1,024	AID SEC'Y	FSS-5	12,822
19,038	1,089	AID DIR.	FSR-1	17,949
21,059	546	AID CONTROLLER	FSR-3	20,513
107,964	5,400	AID OFFICE SPACE		102,564
19,199	1,250	AID AGR. OFFICER	FSR-3	17,949
16,560	1,175	AID ASST.PRG.	FSR-6	15,385

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		OFFICER	
13,871	1,050	AID SEC'Y FSS-5	12,821
17,717	1,050	AID LOAN OFFICER FSR-3	16,667
19,049	1,100	DIA OPERATIONS CW3	17,949
		COORDINATOR	
10,880	3,188	USIA PUBLIC AFFRS. FSO-04	7,692
		OFFICER	
9,959	1,625	USIA CULTURAL FSO-5	8,334
		AFFRS.OFFICER	
19,207	1,600	AGR. AGR.OFFICER GS-14	17,607

16. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR ALL REAL PROPERTY LEASED  
FOR PERIOD OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS:

A.

ITEM	LOCATION (ADDRESS)	DESCRIPTION	USE	AMT.SQ.FT.	LENGTH
			GROSS NET OF LEASE		
1	KARAMEH ST	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	2382	1512	2/23/77 - 2/22/79
2	KARAMEH ST	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	2454	1546	2/23/77 - 2/22/79
3	KARAMEH ST	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	1313	854	2/23/77 - 2/22/79
4	KASSA'A QTRS	4TH FLOOR QTRS	TRANSIENT	2546 1681	6/29/77 - 6/28/79
5	KASSA'A QTRS	4TH FLOOR QTRS	TRANSIENT	1712 1130	6/29/77 - 6/28/79
6	ATA AYOUBI STREET	3RD FLOOR	RESIDENCE	3207 2084	10/27/76- 10/25/78
7	CHAREH YA-ZIGI	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	1894	1193	10/22/76- 10/21/78
8	CHAREH ADNAN MALKI	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	1991	1294	7/5/77 - 11/04/79
9	ATA AYOUBI	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	3152	1986	7/1/77 - UNCLASSIFIED

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	STREET		6/30/78
10	ABOU AL-WA'ARRI ST	PENTHOUSE RESIDENCE	1507 980 6/16/75 - 12/15/77
11	EASTERN VILLAS VILLA	RESIDENCE	7136 4638 6/30/77 - 5/31/78
12	CHAREH KARAMEH	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	2153 1421 10/20/75- 10/19/77
13	ABDULMUNEIM RIAD STREET	5TH FLOOR RESIDENCE	2782 1808 10/3/76 - 10/2/78
14	SHAKIB ARSLAN	BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE	1016 607 210/1/76 - 9/30/77
15	ABDULMUNEIM RIAD STREET	3RD FLOOR RESIDENCE	2354 1483 3/15/76 - 3/14/78



16 KASSA'A QTRS 3RD FLOOR TRANSIENT 2546 1680 6/29/77 -1  
QTRS 6/28/79

17 KASSA'A QTRS 3RD FLOOR TRANSIENT 1712 1095 6/29/77 -  
QTRS 6/28/79

18 JADET EL-BIZIM BASEMENT FLOOR RESIDENCE 4081 2653 8/22/76 -  
MALKI 2/21/79

19 ATA AYOUBI ST 2ND FLOOR RESIDENCE 3500 2275 7/1/77 -  
6/30/79

20 CHAREH ADNAN BASEMENT FLOOR OFFICE 6016 3850 4/1/77 -  
MALKI SQUARE SPACE 3/31/77

## B.

ANNUAL COST	ANNUAL LEASE	MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	OCCUPANT AGENCY	POSITION	GRADE	OCCUPANT CHARGE/
6,945	3,099	STATE	NCOIC	GY/SGT	3,846	
2,179	2,140	STATE	C&R SUPER	FR-6	3,846	
4,880	2,316	STATE	SEC'Y	FS-06	2,564	
5,673	1,570	STATE	TRANSIENT QTRS		4,103	
4,150	1,380	STATE	TRANSIENT QTRS		2,770	
11,772	2,798	STATE	ECON.OFFICER	FSO-4	8,974	
6,444	2,085	STATE	SEC'Y	FSS-08	4,359	
8,180	1,770	STATE	SUPP.COMM.	FSS-07	6,410	
			OFFICER			

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23,308	2,755	STATE	DEP.CHIEF	FSO-03	20,513
			OF MISSION		
19,489	1,540	STATE	COMM.OFFICER	FSO-04	17,949
24,460	3,947	STATE	RESID.SECURI	USMCS	20,513
10,835	1,860	STATE	SUPP.COMM.	FS-07	8,975
			OFFICER		
18,392	1,725	STATE	SEC'Y	FS-05	16,667
18,649	700	STATE	SEC'Y	FS-08	17,949
21,563	1,050	AID	ENGINEER	FSR-3	20,513
4,749	646	AID	TRANSIENT QTRS		4,103
3,286	517	AID	TRANSIENT QTRS		2,765
21,613	1,100	AID	TRAINING OFF	FSR-3	20,513
16,686	3,865	DIA	DEFENSE ATT	COL	12,821
22,806	3,575	USIA	OFFICE SPACE		19,231

17. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR BOTH THE AMBASSADOR  
AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION RESIDENCES.

## AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE

FY-77 FY-76 FY-75 FY-74 FY-73

## A. EXPENSES

OPERATING	15,800	18,696	10,060	2,000	-
MAINTENANCE	12,006	14,484	3,330	4,320	-
REFURNISHING	475	2,444	-	945	-
REMODELING	-	4,367	424	-	-

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B. SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENSE

OPERATING	1,800	1,800	1,800	375	-
MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-
REFURNISHING	-	-	-	-	-
REMODELING	-	-	-	-	-

DCM RESIDENCE

A. EXPENSES

OPERATING	5,200	5,100	1,520	-	-
MAINTENANCE	3,441	2,196	3,906	-	-
REFURNISHING	244	518	3,943	-	-
REMODELING	-	576	-	-	-

B. SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENSE

OPERATING	1,050	900	900	-	-
MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-
REFURNISHING	-	-	-	-	-
REMODELING	-	-	-	-	-

18. NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS THE EMBASSY PROVIDES EMPLOYEES 29  
UNITS.

19. ALL EMPLOYEES RECEIVING GOVERNMENT OWNED OR LEASED HOUSING:

20. FURNISHED THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH GRADE PROVIDED  
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE ALLOWANCES AND THE AMOUNT OF THE  
ALLOWANCE:

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GRADE	NUMBER	AMT. OF ALLOWANCE
FSO-1(COM)	1	\$15,800
FSO-3(DCM)	1	5,200
FSR-1(AID DIR)	1	3,000
COL.(DEFENSE ATTACHE)	1	3,600

21. ALL RELATED SUPPORT PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES USING GOVERNMENT  
FURNISHED HOUSING:

UTILITIES: ELECTRICITY, WATER, HEATING FUEL, COOKING GAS,  
IN REASONABLE AMOUNTS.

FURNISHINGS: BASIC FURNITURE, LIGHT FIXTURES, CURTAINS,  
BASIC APPLIANCES

MAINTENANCE: MINOR MAINTENANCE REPAIR

22. ALL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED OR LEASED  
HOUSING.

23. PROVIDED OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF MAN-YEARS  
EMBASSY PERSONNEL DEVOTE ANNUALY TO HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND  
MAINTENANCE:

HOUSING MANAGEMENT - 0.5 MAN-YEARS

HOUSING MAINTENANCE - 5.0 MAN-YEARS

24. EMBASSY DOES NOT RECOMMEND FURNISHING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE ANY HOUSING SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED  
UNDER ITEM NO. 21.

25. ADEQUATE HOUSING HERE IS LIMITED AND THE RENTAL MARKET  
SUBJEC TO TREND FLUCTUATION. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, FLAT  
FINDERS MUST BE EMPLOYED (PAYMENT FROM LESSEE IS CUSTOMARILY  
2.5 PERCENT OF FIRST YEAR'S RENT). GENERALLY TWO YEAR'S RENT IS  
PAID IN ADVANCE. NEW TAX LAW (40 PERCENT OF LESSOR'S ANNUAL  
PAYMENT, IF LEASEE IS FOREIGNER, IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR, HAS  
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ABETTED INFLATIONARY RATES, AND LESSORS OFTEN HOLD OUT  
FOR TAX DODGE ARRANGEMENTS.

LOCAL LAW IS GEARED ENTIRELY IN FAVOR OF LESSORS, WITH  
EXCEPTIONS BEING THAT OCCUPANT MAY STAY IN APARTMENT  
INDEFINITELY AT ORIGINAL RENTAL RATE (SUBJEC TO OCCASIO-  
NAL SMALL UPWARD ADJUSTMENT BY GOVERNMENT). EMBASSY POLICY  
CURRENTLY ELIMINATES MOST OF THESE LESSOR RIGHTS BY OUR  
OWN LEASE DOCUMENT, BUT GUARANTEES OUR VACANCY OR  
RENEGOTIATIONS OF TERMS AT EXPIRATION OF ALL OUR OPTIONS  
TO RENEW.

26. SHOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BUILD OR BUY MORE HOUSING FOR  
ITS EMPLOYEES UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION?

YES X NO WHY?

THE PURCHASE OF A SUITABLE RESIDENCE FOR THE DCM IS HIGHLY

RECOMMENDED. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL UNITS COULD RESULT IN LARGE NET SAVINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT; BUT AMORTIZATION PERIOD WOULD EXCEED TEN YEARS AT CURRENT RENTAL RATE. ONE POSSIBLE AVENUE WORTH INVESTIGATING WOULD BE THE PURCHASE OF A PARTIALLY COMPLETED HOUSING UNIT (SHELL) WITH THE FURNISHING WORK BEING DONE BY USG, ESTIMATE AMORTIZATION WOULD DECLINE TO EIGHT/TEN YEARS.

EMBASSY WOULD NOT RECOMMEND BUILDING AT THIS TIME DUE TO ACUTE SHORTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN THE LOCAL MARKET PLUS EXCESSIVE COSTS FOR ACQUIRING LAND. HOWEVER CONSTRUCTION BE CONSIDERED DURING A AND E PHASE OF BUILDING OF NEW CHANCERY ON GARDEN SITE.

27. FURNISHED:

A. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES OWNED BY THE US GOVERNMENT- ELEVEN

B. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES LEASED BY THE US GOVERNMENT - ONE

28. PROVIDED THE JOB TITLES AND GRADES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS:

NAME	JOB TITLE	GRADE
RICHARD W. MURPHY	AMBASSADOR	O-1

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ROBERT H. PELLETREAU	DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	O-3
NANCY V. BARBER	SECRETARY	FS-06
JAMES D. MONTGOMERY	POL. OFFICER	FRO-4
EDWARD S. WALKER, JR.	POL. OFFICER	FSO-4
PATRICK N. THEROS	ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-4
DONALD J. SUTTER	CONSULAR OFFICER	FSO-5
MICHAEL J. DAVIS	ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER	FSO-5
JOSEPH H. MELROSE, JR.	ADMIN. OFFICER	FSO-4
LUCY D. QUINN	BUDGET & FISCAL OFFICER	FSR-06
STEPHEN R. SPRINGER	COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS	FR-06
	SUPERV.	
MARGARET E. VELARDE	SECRETARY	FS-06
MARGARET F. FENN	SUPP. COMMUNICATIONS	FS07
	OFFICER	
MARY ANN PUHEK	CLERK	FS-07
RONALD L. MILLER	SUPP. COMMUNICATIONS	FS-07
	OFFICER	
WILLIAM A. PIERCE	GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER	FSO-6
STANLEY BIELINSKI, JR.	REGIONAL SECURITY	FR-06
	OFFICER	

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29. PROVIDED THE JOB TITLES AND GRADES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES NOT  
ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

NAME	JOB TITLE	GRADE
DEIDRE A. VIVIAN	SECRETARY	FS-08
MARJORIE P. PHILBERT	SECRETARY	FO-05
MARION F. PICCIONI	SECRETARY	FSS-08
GEORGE V. FRANCIS	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FS-06
	OFFICER	
FRANK STASZECKI	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FS-05
	OFFICER	
MARJORIE D. SEWARD	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FS-05
	OFFICER	
RONALD J. DOYLE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FS-07
	SUPPORT OFFICER	
KENNETH R. ROBINSON	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FSR-06
	SUPPORT OFFICER	
CLIFTON MILLER	SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS	FSS-9
	OFFICER	

30. PERSONNEL WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC STATUS: A) CANNOT REGISTER  
PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES WITHOUT CHARGE; REGISTRATION FEE  
AVERAGES BETWEEN US DOLS. 225/325 PER YEAR. (DIPLOMATS  
REGISTER AUTO WITHOUT ANY CHARGE)  
B. ARE NOT PERMITTED TO IMPORT LIQUORS AND CIGARETTES A PACK OF  
CIG. AT LOCAL MARKET SELLS AT 64 CENTS A BOTTLE OF  
WHISKEY(MEDIUM PRICE) SELLS AT \$10.25 DIPLOMATIC PRICE FOR CIGS.  
US DOLS. 2.45 PER CARTON  
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DIPLOMATIC PRICE FOR WHISKEY US DOLS 5.00 PER BOTTLE  
SAME PROVISIONS ARE APPLICABLE FOR PERSONNEL UNDER TWO  
CATEGORIES FOR OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY. PROPERTY CAN BE  
ACQUIRED PROVIDED AN ADVANCE AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED FROM  
THE STATE.  
PERSONNEL HAVING DIPLOMATIC STATUS CAN IMPORT HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INCLUDING ONE AUTOMOBILE, LIQUORS AND CIGARETTES WITHOUT CUSTOMS INSPECTION AND DURING ENTIRE TOUR OF DUTY AND WITHOUT PAYING CUSTOMS DUTIES.

PERSONNEL NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC STATUS CAN IMPORT USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS BEGINNING WITH THE DATE OF ARRIVAL AT POST. FOLLOWING LAPSE OF SIX MONTHS ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS CAN BE IMPORTED BASED ON TEMPORARY ADMISSION (ONE YEAR).

31. FURNISHED BELOW ARE TITLE AND GRADES OF ALL EMPLOYEES PROVIDED HOUSEHOLD STAFF, THE NUMBER OF STAFF PROVIDED AND THEIR COST.

TITLE	GRADE	NO. OF HOUSEHOLD STAFF	ANNUAL COST
AMBASSADOR	FSO-1	4	14,700
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION	FSO-3	2	5,050
DEFENSE ATTACHE	COL	2	3,600
AID DIR	FSR-1	1	2,835

32. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED ON ALL LOCAL BANK ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE EMBASSY (INCLUDING THOSE HANDLED BY A REGIONAL ACCOUNTING CENTER):

NAME OF ACCOUNT	PURPOSE	BALANCE AS OF 6/30/77	DEPOSITORY
U.S.DISBURSING	DISBURSE US	6,966,715.88	COMMERCIAL

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REGIONAL FINANCE CENTER	EXPENSES	SYRIA,
P.O. BOX 253		BRANCH NO.4-
75364 PARIS CEDEX 08		DAMASCUS,
FRANCE		SYRIA

THOMAS R. KRESSEE	DISBURSE	20,980,000.00	CENTRAL
US DISBURSING OFFICER	LOANS TO	BANK OF	
SYRIAN		SYRIA	
US EMBASSY, DAMASCUS	GOVT.	DAMASCUS,	
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